NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.T.E. 05-53 August 26, 2005

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, for approval of Gas Energy Efficiency Plan and recovery of Energy Efficiency Related Costs for the period May 1, 2005, through April 30, 2009.

On August 10, 2005, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company") filed a proposal with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval of the Company's five-year energy efficiency plan ("EEP") and budget for the period May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2009. The Company's current EEP was approved in by the Department in <u>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company</u>, D.T.E. 00-48 (2000).

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's proposal on September 14, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Following the public hearing, the Department will conduct a procedural conference.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, and one copy with the Hearing Officer, Jody Stiefel. The original and copies should be delivered to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.), September 9, 2005.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and jody.stiefel@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 05-53), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic

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filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: http://www.mass.gov/dte/.

A copy of the Company's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during business hours. In addition, copies are on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420-8207.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Meabh Purcell, at (617) 439-9500. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jody Stiefel, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

ORDER OF NOTICE

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("NSTAR" or "Company") shall, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to September 14, 2005, give notice of said hearing by publication in the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise and the Worcester Telegram, and either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. In addition, the Company shall also provide a copy of this notice to all participants in <u>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company</u>, D.T.E. 00-48. Fitchburg is required to make return of service and proof of publication to the Department at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY